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**Letter dated 13 November 2001 from the Permanent
Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith to you a statement issued by the Human Security Network in New York on 12 November 2001 concerning the terrorist attacks in the United States (see annex). The following countries are members of the Network: Austria, Canada, Chile, Greece, Ireland, Jordan, Mali, Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Switzerland and Thailand.

I would be grateful if the text of the statement could be circulated as a document of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 166.

(Signed) **Juan Gabriel Valdés**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 13 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement issued by the Human Security Network in New York on 12 November 2001

The Human Security Network strongly condemns the brutal, cowardly acts of terrorism committed in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania on 11 September 2001 and expresses its deepest sympathy to the people and Government of the United States, and especially to the families of the victims. These terrorist attacks are a further, horrifying indication of the pervasiveness of threats to people's safety, rights and lives. They attest to the vulnerability of individuals when faced with acts of hatred and senselessness. In this regard, the Human Security Network welcomes Security Council resolutions 1368 (2001) and 1373 (2001) and General Assembly resolution 56/1.

As the international community faces the implications of these tragic events, we must recognize that innovative international approaches are needed to address the growing sources of global insecurity, remedy its symptoms and prevent the recurrence of threats that affect the daily lives of millions of people. As a Network of countries committed to pursuing human security, we declare our firm intention to work in support of international efforts to address issues, including conflict, alienation and deprivation, currently leading to human insecurity, and pledge to actively promote and participate in an international coalition against terrorism.

We further commit ourselves to develop — in cooperation with non-governmental actors — an agenda which will enable us to apply concrete, constructive human security perspectives to public security, including those aimed at eradicating terrorism. At the same time, the Human Security Network reaffirms its commitment to promote and strengthen the existing international anti-terrorist legal framework to combat this scourge.

The Human Security Network urges the international community to cooperate to bring those responsible for these acts to justice as quickly as possible. Actions of this nature must not happen again; we pledge to continue to promote efforts to identify the perpetrators of these cruel acts as well as to facilitate discussion of human security in various multilateral forums, particularly during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly.